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Description
This folder consists primarily of letters from Robert Anderson Miller (1861-1911) to his younger sister, Mina Miller Edison. Also included is a letter by Louise Igoe Miller, whom Robert married in 1887. The ten selected letters cover the years 1888-1898. Included is a letter from June 1896 relating to the dismissal of charges against Robert in the second of three embezzlement cases. Some of the letters contain comments about the presidential campaign of 1896 and the candidacy of William McKinley, a friend of the Miller family. A letter from September 1898 mentions the reaction of President McKinley to news of the death of Theodore Miller during the Spanish-American War.

Additional letters by Robert and Louise Miller can be found in the Charles Edison Fund Collection and the David E. E. Sloane Collection Some of the letters in the CEF Collection, scanned from the microfilm, are now in the possession of the Thomas Edison National Historical Park.

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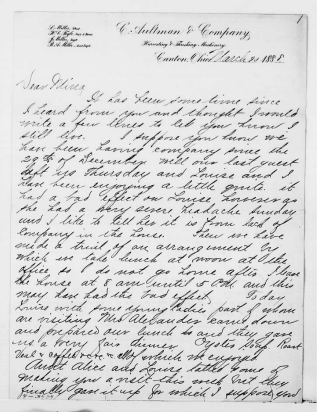

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[FR001AAA], Letter from Robert Anderson Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 20th, 1888

Title

[FR001AAA], Letter from Robert Anderson Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, March 20th, 1888

Editor's Notes

4-3464. "It has been some time since I heard from you and thought I would write a few lines to let you know I still live. I suppose you know we have been having company [in Canton] since the 29th of December well our last guest left us Thursday and Louise and I have been enjoying a little quiet, it had a bad effect on Louise however as she had a very severe headache Sunday and I like to tell her it is from lack of company in the house. Then we have made a trial of an arrangement by which we take lunch at noon so I do not go home after I leave the house at 8 am until 5 pm and this may have had the bad effect. Today Louise met with some young ladies part of whom are visiting Miss Alexander..... ### Aunt Alice and ouise talked some of making you a visit this week but they finally gave it up for which I suppose you rejoice. How are you anyhow? I have not heard a word from you since Mother came home Xmas and I don't think it sounds for us riot to be more social. Canton is a gay town and business generally is very lively but at present my work is quite slack.... ## Lewis was down and spent Sunday with us. Ira was down Thursday but we were at Cleveland. Father down last week Monday and Tuesday but did not go to the house. ## I hope to hear from you soon... How is the phonograph coming on? Our electric Light Co. are talking of adding an incandescent system give me some Edison points that I may talk the system up with the balance of stock holders. We have a strong Co. and a good one so I want them to have the best system. Give my love and regards to all with love from Louise...

Author

Miller, Robert Anderson

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Lewis
- Miller, Ira Mandeville
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)
- Miller, Lewis Alexander
- Miller, Alice Newton (Mrs Jacob)

Date
1888-03-20

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Electric light and power
- Cylinder phonograph

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C. Aultman & Company,

Harvesting & Threshing Machinery

Canton, Ohio March 29 1882

Dear Alice.

It has been some time since I heard from you and thought I would write a few lines to let you know I still live. I suppose you know we have been having company since the 29th of December. All our last guest left us Thursday and Louise and I have been enjoying a little quiet. it had a bad effect on Louise however as she had a very severe headache Sunday and I like to tell her it is from lack of company in the house. Then we have made a trial of an arrangement by which we take lunch at noon at the office so I do not go home after I leave the house at 8 am until 5 P.M. and this may have had the bad effect. To day Louise with some young ladies part of whom are visiting Mrs Alexander came down and prepared our lunch & and they gave us a very fair dinner. Oysters Soup. Roast Veal & coffee &c. &c. all of which we enjoyed.

Aunt Alice and Louise talked some of making you a visit this week but they finally gave it up for which I suppose you

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Louise and I were at Cleveland the other day which is the only time we have been away since Xmas. except one day we went to Akron.

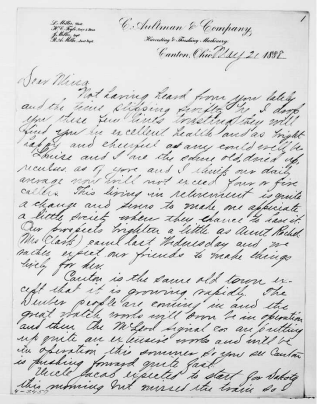
Lewis was down and spent Sunday with us. Ira was down Thursday but not see at Cleveland. Father down last week Monday and Tuesday but did not go to the house.

I hope to hear from you soon and will promise to answer it promptly. How is the Phonograph coming on? Our electric Light Co. are talking of adding incandescent systems. Give me some Edison points that I may talk the system up with the Salaried Stock holders. We have a strong Co and a good one to I want them to have the best system.

Give my Love and regards to all.

With Love from Louise.

Robert



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[FR001AAB], Letter from Robert Anderson Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 21st, 1888

Title

[FR001AAB], Letter from Robert Anderson Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, May 21st, 1888

Editor's Notes

4-3459. [letterhead of Aultman & Co.] Dear Mina, ### Not having heard from you lately and the time slipping swiftly by I drop you these few lines trusting they will find you in excellent health and as bright, happy and cheerful as any could well be. Louise and I are the same old, dried up, recluses as of yore and I think our daily average now will not exceed four or five callers. This living in retirement is quite a change and seems to make one appreciate a little [society?] when they chance to have it. Our prospects brighten a little as Aunt Rochd. (Mrs. Clan's) came back Wednesday and we rather expect our friends to make things lively for her. Canton is the same old town except that it is growing rapidly. The [lumber? Timber?] people are coming in and the great match works will soon be in operation and the McLeod signal we are putting up quite an excellent works and will be in operation this summer, so you see Canton is pushing forward quite fast. ### Uncle Jacob expected to start for Dakota this morning but missed the train so I guess he will go tomorrow morning. Aunt Alice is well and so are Uncle Lewis' folks, except the baby, but it is doing nicely and will soon be all right. ## How is the Phonograph? I see by the papers that every thing is ready for their manufacture. I would like one last of this month or first of next if I can get it as we want to have one (a Phonograph) to put in a tent and charge say 5 cents to hear and see it. I think quite a little would be made off it for the church. ## I suppose Father has been with you considerably lately and you see a great deal of him. I have not heard how his mission has been getting on but I expect "Vincent" will get there. Give Father my love and also give my love etc. to all accepting a great deal of Louises and mine for your own self. ## Write soon and often, ## Robert

Author

Miller, Robert Anderson

Recipient

Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Jacob
- Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)

Date

1888-05-21

Type

Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Cylinder phonograph

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Canton, Ohio. May 21 1882

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Canton is the same old town except that it is growing rapidly. The Dutch people are coming in and the great watch works will soon be in operation and then the McLeod Sigrist Co are putting up quite an extensive works and will be in operation this summer. So you see Canton is pushing forward quite fast.

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Canton, Ohio, _____ 188_

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Write soon and often.

Robert.

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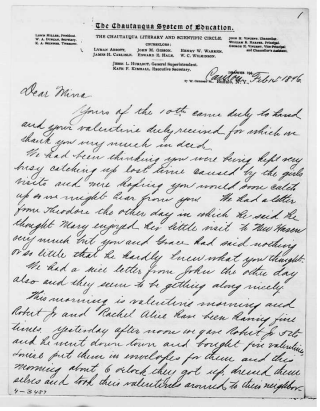

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[FR001AAC], Letter from Robert Anderson Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 14th, 1896

Title
[FR001AAC], Letter from Robert Anderson Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, February 14th, 1896

Author
Miller, Robert Anderson

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Hughes, Jessie J
- Crouse, Julia Munson
- McKinley, William
- Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)
- Miller, Rachel Alice
- Miller, Robert Anderson, Jr
- Miller, Lewis, II

Date
1896-02-14

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Celebrations (anniversaries, birthdays, holidays)
- Politics and government
- Crime and justice
- Gas, petroleum, and derivative products
- Peephole Kinetoscope

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DRAWER 194.
87 W. Genesee St., Buffalo, N. Y.,

Canton Febr 6th 1896.

Dear Mina

Yours of the 10th came duly to hand and your valentine duly received for which we thank you very much in deed.

We had been thinking you were being kept very busy catching up lost time caused by the girls visits and were hoping you would soon catch up so we might hear from you. We had a letter from Theodore the other day in which he said he thought Mary enjoyed her little visit to New Haven very much but you and Grace had said nothing or so little that he hardly knew what you thought.

We had a nice letter from John the other day also and they seem to be getting along nicely.

This morning is valentine morning and Robert Jr and Rachel Alice have been having fine times. yesterday after noon we gave Robert Jr 5 cts and he went down town and bought five valentines Louise put them in envelopes for them and this morning about 6 o'clock they got up, dressed themselves and took their valentines around to their neighbors

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hood friends and it is quite cold so they were glad to get in the house after having gotten around. The morning mail brought Robert Jr. four, Rachel three and Louis two. — We count the contents of your letter which we received yesterday as Louise and my valentine. The morning mail brought us the announcement cards of Julia Crouse and Horace Hower's wedding Thursday. We had some little fun over this affair as it was intended to be a strict secret and no one in Akron was to have known of it but you know we have some friends in New York and Miss Crouse has been there most of the winter getting her trousseau and one of our friends met her and Julia told her of her approaching wedding and she in turn wrote the fact to Louise as a piece of news and Louise wrote it to Mary. Mary got the letter Tuesday noon but did not believe that Julia was to be married the next day but called her up over the phone and congratulated her and of course Julia wanted to know what and from where she had heard so she came over to the house and had a talk with Mary. That shows how things get around and how almost impossible it is to get along in this world without letting others know what we do.

Jessie Hughes who visited us last winter is attending the wedding of a cousin in Cincinnati and we want her to come here after the wedding and remain until after my case is over as she is a great comfort and pleasure to Louise and is very

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87 W. Genesee St., Buffalo, N. Y.,

full of life. She is the kind of person we will need around us during these days of trial

Last night we accepted invitations to the theatre, night before Mrs Dickinson, whose Husband owns the daily paper here (Record) took dinner with us and about 7:30 Probate Judge Wire came over and we played cards until about 10 when Mr Dickinson came and we had a Welch Rarebit Tuesday evening we went to our Chautauqua circle at the church Monday evening we went over to Mrs Dickinson's. Saturday last we went, by invitation, to the theatre. Friday evening Sadie having been invited to an afternoon and remaining until after 7 in the evening I went after her and we then remained there (Fred Hartzell's) until about 11 o'clock.

This is as far back as I recall without an effort just now but it is enough to show you that we are not neglected nor without friends in Canton.

If Grace is there she will perhaps remember a Miss Minnie Meyer who went to the same school Grace did, she gave me some very complimentary remarks concerning our Grace and I was very much pleased to hear her so highly thought of by her school friends

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We have not heard from Akron lately except from Father over the phone yesterday and as we did not talk social affairs we are not sure whether Mary has gotten home or not. The last letter we had Mother was looking for her the next day

This is a joke as I say above that Mary Telephoned Julia Conn but I am not going to rewrite this over so let it Cont.

By the way Mina if you have not subscribed for the Century for 96 for 1896. we will be content without your doing so as you have done so much else and we have considerable other reading matter so that we need not get behind the times. I simply mention this thinking perhaps you had subscribed for it and thought it was coming right along when as we have received none but the copy you sent.

Gov McKinley gave a large reception on the 5th and Dr. Cora Mr & Mrs Atterholt Mr & Mrs Sadler and some 30 others came down from Akron. the six named came to our house and we all went to the reception together. Dr & Mrs Adam Flood were here and took dinner with us. The Akron people had a special train home and the Fords went home Thursday morn. it was a very nice reception and largely attended.

I am glad you and Mr Edison are pleased with my statement. Everyone that has seen it pronounces it complete so I am feeling quite good over it. In regard to this last suit for $32000.00 against Father and me. I sent Father a copy of the

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DRAWER 194.

87 W. Genesee St., Buffalo, N. Y.,

the petition and a statement showing any side and it is a plainer statement than the other as the charges are more direct and can be answered by the production of checks &c bearing Receipted endorsements. so there can be no question in the matter and I don't believe they can open the settlement of the administrators at all

How is the Mill coming on? We have not heard about it for some time and are wondering how it is coming along these days. We see by the papers that Mr Edison is working with this new photographic process. We understand your brother "Jim" is interested in a new gas tip and burner that is going to cause gas to displace electric light. It is a chemically treated substance that, although cold lights the gas when the gas comes in contact with it A sample tip was put on our fixtures here and worked splendidly, lighting the gas when first put on and then turned off and about half an hour after lighted it again We understood "Jim" had not told Mr E. about his being in this thing but I guess there is no particular secret about the fact.

Well now Nina I have written you quite a long let-

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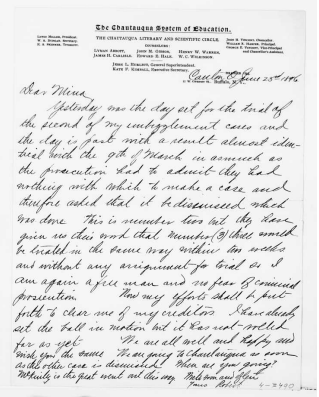
entire and although it will reach you a day or two late I trust you will accept it as our remembrance of the day. Give our very best love and wishes to the balance of the family. We trust the measels will not be serious and that they will soon be past.

We never heard any thing of Marion's wedding was it published at all? do you hear any thing from her and how she is getting along?

Hoping to hear from you soon and often and again thanking you I am

Yours. Robert

Feb 1896



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[FR001AAD], Letter from Robert Anderson Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, June 23rd, 1896

Title
[FR001AAD], Letter from Robert Anderson Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, June 23rd, 1896

Author
Miller, Robert Anderson

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
McKinley, William

Date
1896-06-23

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- National government (U.S.)
- Litigation

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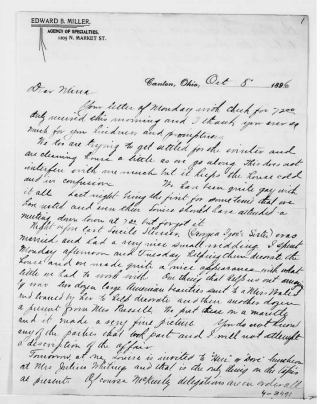
DRAWER 194.
97 W. Genesee St., Buffalo, N. Y.,

Caulon Co June 23rd 1896

Dear Mina

Yesterday was the day set for the trial of the second of my embezzlement cases and the day is past with a result almost identical with the 9th of March in as much as the prosecution had to admit they had nothing with which to make a case and therfore asked that it be dismissed which was done This is number two but they have given us this word that number (3) three would be treated in the same way within two weeks and without any assignment for trial so I am again a free man and no fear of criminal prosecution. Now my efforts shall be put forth to clear me of my creditors I have already set the ball in motion but it has not rolled far as yet We are all well and hope you and wish you the same We are going to Chautauqua as soon as this other case is dismissed When are you going? McKinley is the great event at this day. Best from and Glen

Yours Robert 4-3490



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[FR001AAE], Letter from Robert Anderson Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 8th, 1896

Title
[FR001AAE], Letter from Robert Anderson Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 8th, 1896

Author
Miller, Robert Anderson

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
McKinley, William

Date
1896-10-08

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- National government (U.S.)
- Politics and government
- Litigation

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1205 N. MARKET ST.

Canton, Ohio, Oct 8th 1896

Dear Nina

Your letter of Monday with check for 7200 duly received this morning and I thank you ever so much for yr kindness and promptness.

We too are trying to get settled for the winter and are cleaning house a little as we go along. This does not interfere with me much but it keeps the house cold and in confusion. We have been quite gay with it all last night being the first for some time that we have rested and even then Louie should have attended a meeting down town at 7:30 but forgot it.

Night before last Lucile Skinner, (Georgia Joe's Sister) was married and had a very nice small wedding. I spent Monday afternoon and Tuesday helping them decorate the house and we made quite a nice appearance with what little we had to work with. One thing that helps us out amazingly was two dozen large American beauties sent to a Miss Wales and loaned by her to help decorate and then another dozen a present from Mrs Russell. We put these in a mantle and it made a very fine picture. You do not know any of the parties that took part and I will not attempt a description of the affair.

Tomorrow at one Louie is invited to "Hen" or "Dove" luncheon at Mrs Julius Whitney and that is the only thing on the tapis at present. Of course McKinley delegations are in order all

the time but we do not waste much time then looking after them We generally give Saturday afternoon to McKinley. But McKinley does not wait until Saturday afternoon to receive all his delegates as they come at the rate of three or four every day and 20 to 30 every Saturday. I think we have fully 25000 strangers in town every Saturday and any where from 20 to 50 bands of music so you see Saturday is the day. Other days we have from four to six bands and about 5000 to 10000 people — quite fair but not like Saturdays. The merchants calculate that over $100000.00 is left in Canton each Saturday and about $30000.00 each week so you see Canton is somewhat the gainer whether McKinley is elected or not Yes Father is somewhat on the other side of the fence but he has always been more or less on that side and it is not surprising now that he should favor Silver He is not alone as I am afraid we will find in about a month, as Silver has many friends of course not so many as this way as West and South and they will count up quite a little. I do not think they can defeat McKinley however.

We will accept the green tomatoes with many thanks and will try ripening them under glass. Yes the last couple of shipments from you seem to have been unfortunate but it will be all right again now as these irregularities cannot and do not last long you know.

Ed is remaining in Akron and closed his Agency

EDWARD B. MILLER,
AGENCY OF SPECIALTIES,
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Canton, Ohio, ... 189....

Specialties pan out I will look after the office work and Ed will take the road and sell the goods and look up new business. There is some doubt as to its panning out however and the Agency may "die aborning". Ed is bathing (he was down Monday Morning) of going into a silver plating establishment in Akron should his Agency fail or perhaps anyhow as they offer him the Treasurership but he must put in some Money and he has not determined what he will do. This property is so invested that he hates to withdraw any of it and take the risk in something new and just now it is almost impossible to borrow any money which he hates to do. So he is in quite a Quandry as to what is best for him.

I am quite busy with Chautauqua work and some appearances will give it all my attention as other avenues of employment do not open up very rapidly. We all say still and so hope as can be. Our $2000 Civil suit has been put off until Jan. owing to the sickness of one of the attorneys on the other side. and owing somewhat to politics.

Louise will write you soon She puts in so much of her spare time in the Scrap Book material that she does not get any of her letters written and she has complaints from all sides. Write soon and often. Give our love to all. from all Yours. Robert

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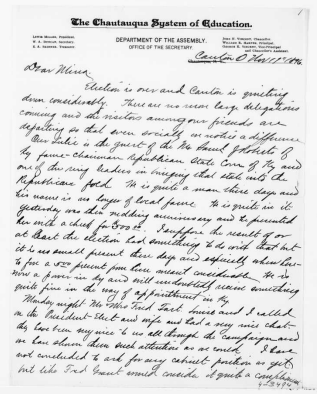
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Dear Mina

Chicken is over and Canton is quieting down considerably. There are no more leg. delegations coming and the visitors among our friends are departing so that even socially we notice a difference. Mrs Sutler is the guest of the Mr Rutherford B. Hayes chairman Republican State Com. of Ky and one of the very leaders in engineering that state into the Republican fold. He is quite a man these days and his name is on tongue of local fame. He is quite in it yesterday was also nothing auspicious and he permitted him self a chat for 5 or 10 m. I suppose the result of an at least the election had something to do with that but it was much present than dep and especially when Canton now a power in the and will undoubtedly cause something Monday night Mr Wm Ford Esq. came and I called on the President-Elect and wife and had a very nice chat they have been very nice to us all through the Campaign and we have shown them such attention as we could. I have and concluded to ask for any cabinet position as yet, but like Fred Grant would decide if quite a compliment

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Dear Miss.

Election is over and Canton is quieting down considerably. There are no more large delegations coming and the visitors among our friends are departing so that even socially we notice a difference.

Our Julie is the guest of the Mc Hon J Roberts & by fame-Chairman Republican State Com of Ky and one of the ring leaders in bringing that state into the Republican fold. He is quite a man these days and his name is no longer of local fame. He is quite in it. Yesterday was their wedding anniversary and he presented her with a check for $500.00. I suppose the result of or at least the election had something to do with that but it is no small present these days and especially when he now a power in ky and will undoubtedly secure something quite fine in the way of appointment in Ky.

Monday night Mr & Mrs Fred Fort. Louise and I called on the President-Elect and wife and had a very nice chat. they have been very nice to us all through the campaign and we have shown them such attention as we could. I have not concluded to ask for any cabinet position as yet but like Fred Grant would consider it quite a compliment

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well one husband me.

Quite a joke on me the other day. Not long ago some one - Mrs John Smith - asked me for the autograph of Mr Edison for a lady who was stopping with her and I readily said certainly, I will bring you one next Sunday but for some reason I forgot it and finally they sent for it when I commenced to look for one and behold I came pretty near having to report that I had none but fortunately Annie found one among some of her old letters and that let us out. I was greatly surprised to find I had had so few letters from Mr Edison and it was quite a job away to have to hunt so long for his signature when I promised so readily to give them one anytime.

Now the election is over I suppose the Hill will boom and everything take on life and action. The papers are trying - to make it appear so now but as yet I have seen but little business change except in talk and of course that counts in the long run.

Society is a little dull these days but after so much we are quite ready for a little rest. You know we expected Miss Leach of Evansville to visit us last week but she was too ill to come so we are without visitors except as Ed and Louis have been down from Akron to

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stay over night and perhaps a day. They both seem unsettled in regard to business but Ed seemed more so than usual. I think however he will pick up again soon and that everything will come out all right after all.

Everything is quiet down this way so far as we are concerned except that the changes are making themselves more disliked, if possible, by cutting more people and getting cool towards even their friends. I believe Mrs C. is taking a new "role" and is going to throw society and devote herself to the church as she has not been going out any of late and has been elected Pres. of the Woman's Home missionary society of the church. I hope she will find comfort in it some how.

How is your little family getting along? Ours is doing finely and all are well and happy. I think Louis looks very much like Charles used to and he seems to have manners like his occasionally. Give them all, our love and let us hear from you soon and often

Yours Robert

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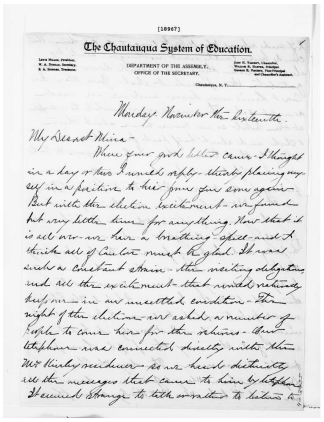

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- Miller, Edward Burkett
- Miller, Robert Anderson
- Edison, Edith Clarissa
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- McKinley, William
- Miller, Grace A
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Miller, Robert Anderson, Jr
- Miller, Lewis, II
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Monday. November the Sixteenth.

My Dearest Mina -

When your good letter came - I thought in a day or two I would reply - thereby placing myself in a position to hear from you soon again - But with the election excitement - we found but very little time for anything. Now that it is all over - we have a breathing - spell - and I think all of Canton must be glad. It was such a constant strain - the visiting delegations and all the excitement - that served naturally keep one in an unsettled condition - The night of the election - we asked a number of people to come here for the returns - Our telephone was connected directly with the Mc Kinley residence - as we heard distinctly all the messages that came to him by telephone. It seemed strange to talk or rather to listen to

N.Y. and when Mr. Hobart congratulated him Mrs
Cond here could visit us longer - and by
eleven o'clock they all marched down to con-
gratulate the president elect - Grace - Mary - Lou
Cora & Lewis were down - and we all made
a night of it - The men were invited to a supper
at the hotel so we came home about three
o'clock - and about half past four they came
But by that time the election began to look
very doubtful - and people generally were
feeling pretty blue - Robert said they stopped
in the Mc Kinley house or their up and
everything was quite subdued - But it was
finally settled all night - and we are all
hoping and looking forward to the prosperity
that we all want so much - and need so
badly - So many great men came on to pay
their respects to the Governor - I hoped Mr. Edison
might feel tempted to come - I know that
makes you smile - But really it has been
wonderful the way the people have paid
tribute to our man - The day Mr. Chauncy
Depew was here Mary & Grace were down - and
we went to take Mrs. Mc Kinley some flowers

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Mother Miller had sent her - and had the pleasure
of meeting Mr Depew - If you can call it a
pleasure - for of course they never remember you
Though Mary & Grace had both met him - I
think - By the way I was quite surprised the
other day to receive a note from Mr. Wallace
Bruce giving me that list of Sir Walter Scotts
novels - which if read in the order he gives them
will give me a very good idea of English History.

It seems to me I spoke to you about it - and
you said you would like to have it or he
said he was going to send you one. Anyhow
as he sent me four I will enclose one to
you - also the "Rhyming Lesson on the Bones."
Which you said I would never think of again -
and expect you have decided sometime ago
that I had forgotten it - but the teacher from
whom I received the copy, was slow in complying
with my request - You were ever so kind
to send me such a list of papers & magazines - I
found ever so many things that I wanted to

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are fairly launched now in getting the pictures ready for the book - If you ever come across any good pictures of the recent tower-show - I would be glad to have them as I want to have it - for Tower - and did you say you could give me any illustrations or pictures of Mr. Edison's inventions? I wanted E for Edison and so far I haven't found much for that - presume they would be in scientific papers - or magazines -

Do not bother about it - if you haven't them all right - but I thought if you had - and could gather them together without any trouble I could use them - The other afternoon I had a few ladies in for tea, and to meet Mrs. Roberts - she was over on a visit - and we got on the subject of the scrap-book - and I have since heard of them - who have commenced one - so they seemed to like the idea - You are a dear Nina dear - to ask me so cordially to come over for this Christmas - and I think I would rather come than anything I know of - That is if the invitation will hold good long enough for I could hardly come until after the Holidays - And then if anything is all well and you still want me to come

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It would give me more pleasure than I can express - It seems such ages since I have made a visit, that I may not know how to accept such joy. But as John & Theodore would say I know it would be "swoth." I had a nice letter from Lanier Brown the other day. She said they were in N.Y. for the Winter and seemed much pleased that her sister Florence was to be with her - so I presume she is through school - Their boys wrote me of the Saturday they spent with you in N.Y and you must have had a fine time -

They surely do have the best of you - and I am so glad and live to get their letters and hear of their good times - Give Edith over so much love for me - You spoke of her being with you - and kiss the dear babies for me all - Our children are all well, and happy. and Lewis is growing in an astonishing manner

Katie has been gone some three weeks now - and he seems to get along beautifully without her - I've just - that letter home-hood runs more smoothly according to my way of thinking, and I feel quite relieved - Robert joins me in a heart full of love for you & Mr. Edwin - and be sure to write me - when ever you can - for we do so love to hear from you - You must be getting more than your share from Nellie - for we have not had a letter from her - for some time - Isn't it fine that Jennie is getting along so nicely - Edward was down last week - and said she had been over to the house to spend the day - This weather is just like Spring - we have the windows all open & can hardly realize it is the middle of November - And only a little over a week until Thanksgiving - I hope you will have a very happy one - I am sure we all have a great deal to be thankful for - With ever so much love my dear Nellie - to you - I am

Your loving sister
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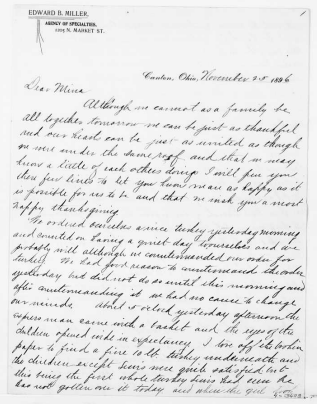

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Canton, Ohio. November 25 1896

Dear Mina

Although we cannot as a family be all together tomorrow we can be just as thankful and our heart can be just as united as though we were under the same roof and that we may know a little of each others doings I will pen you these few lines to let you know we are as happy as it is possible for us to be and that we wish you a most happy thanksgiving.

We ordered ourselves a nice turkey yesterday morning and counted on having a quiet day ourselves and are probably will although we countermanded our order for turkey. We had good reason to countermand the order yesterday but did not do so until this morning and after countermanding it we had no cause to change our minds. About 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon the express man came with a basket and the eyes of the children opened wide in expectancy. I tore off the brown paper to find a fine 10 lb. turkey underneath and the children except Lewis were quite satisfied but this being the first whole turkey Lewis had seen he has not gotten over it today and when the girl took

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it out he cried and said he wanted his turkey. and he has kept asking me since, who sent the turkey? Who bring the turkey? Do you see we are nicely fixed for turkey even if we did countermand our this morning. You know they say it never rains but it pours and I think that is the case this time so that next time we will be left entirely but then I am going to practice my lesson of recent years and not cross the bridge until I come to it. So this morning when another express man brought just such another basket we thought some one had made a mistake and duplicated the order but on looking at the tag we found our mistake as the one received yesterday was from Jane's and the one this morning was from Mrs Roberts of Lexington Ky. so we planned to keep one until Sunday by sending it down to the Ice Mans. to be put in ice and the other we will eat to-morrow. Friday and Saturday. Mrs Roberts is the wife of Mr Saml J. Roberts of Ky the chairman of the Republican state Central Com. during the recent campaign You met her I think at Chautauqua summer a year ago. as she visited me there about a week.

Do you think we have anything to be thankful for when we have friends so kind to us as this? Now while our friends away from here have been thinking of us we have not been forgotten by our friends in Canton as you could well imagine did you know how popular we had been

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for some little time back in a society way. (not business). this afternoon and evening will serve as an example of our experience for some time, at least frequently they have been as thick. This afternoon Louise is over spending the afternoon with Miss Day and will go directly from there to Mrs Fred Fast's where we are invited for dinner this eve and we will leave early so as to attend a party at Miss Ella Bridges this eve in honor of her Brother Will now of New Mexico and one of my most charming chums in Canton in years gone by and before his leaving for N Mexico. So you see although in a business way I am not booming socially we are not outcasts. Even your Aunt Marcia invited Louise last Wednesday afternoon to come down to a company she was giving but as Louise had invited an invalid friend to come spend the day with her she could not accept your Aunt's invitation. We were out twice for dinner last week once at Mrs Julius Whitings and 2nd at Mrs Lewis Dollars and we were out each evening but Wednesday and Saturday eve. Last eve we made some calls for a change and Monday for we had callers and callers from the encampment and to the extent that they called they are deserters but that is not an uncommon thing any more and

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we pay little attention to such matters. As I said before we are not social outcasts and I am just as confident that my business relations will one day be as agreeable as our social relations although I sometimes get quite discouraged when my efforts at finding employment meet with my liking meet with such ready rebuff. but although as I say discouraged at times I still keep in the ring and come at them again so that until I am completely knocked out I do not intend to give up the fight. When it is going to land me I cannot say and with conservative limitations I care less. I realize that the blow I received came pretty near flooring me but the reaction will I am sure floor the other party and bring me off victorious in every way. I have not a care of the blues today although matters has not changed materially so far as I know and money matters are no easier with me than for years past-(3). but some how today I am confident-and must so express myself. and the expressing myself now will help me from the blues later on if matters were cloudy.

Give Rose Theodore with you tomorrow we wish we might all be with you and jolify over the success of Yale today as personally we are more interested in todays game than last Saturdays. I suppose we

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will know in a short time how the game that has already ended did end. but as I don't know while I write this I hope it ended favorably to Yale.

We have not seen any Akron people since the election or rather Ed was down one night - a couple of weeks ago. but we had a nice letter - slightly doleful but still nice - from Mother the other day and I immediately wrote her a long letter some what on the same strain as this one but giving our doings more in detail. They all seem to be doing nicely in Akron

Tell Theodore we got his letter of Sunday and will answer it very soon. His songs inclosed were very good and encouraging but hardly fitting with the result. He can soon come out and either make a foot ball of the mold or know the reason why.

Tomorrow there are to be two games here and as the one in the morning is between our young friends we think we will take it in. I have never seen much of a game and really I don't know anything of it so I am going to-morrow to learn a few points and be better prepared to enjoy a good game when the opportunity comes.

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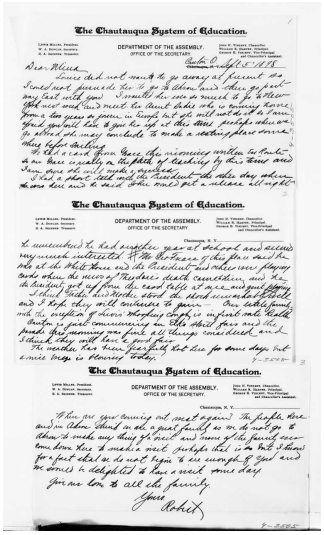
What has become of the Mill.? Election is over and Dan shines born in as much as Silver priest Bryan did not get there. The truth compels me to say that contrary to the Newspaper reports that John Sherman is to be Sec. of State. I am the one to occupy that high position and I have a very difficult question before me whether to recognize Cuba belligerency or not and how to deal with Spain. I am not so much concerned about Spain as settling Cuba will probably settle Spain. This applys to myself but I will not give you my interpretation or key to the words Cuba and Spain. You see if you cannot make the situation between these countries illustrate your life or some feature of it (Moral).

Well I don't know what I am rattling off here as it is almost too dark for me to think let alone write but no matter what I may have said I meant to imply that we were enjoying the best of health and spirits and that each of us wish each of you and yours the same thankful spirit and health and happiness. With love to all from all

Robert



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Dear Nina

Louise did not want to go away at present so I could not persuade her to go to Akron and then go part way East with you. I wanted her very much to go to New York next week and meet her Aunt Sadie who is coming home from a two years sojourn in Europe but she will not do it so I am afraid you will have to give her up at this time perhaps when we go abroad she may conclude to make a visiting place somewhere before sailing.

We had a card from Grace this morning written en Route so our Grace is really on the path of teaching by this time and I am sure she will make a success.

I had a short talk with the President the other day when he was here and he said he would get a release all right

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he remembered he had another year at school and seemed very much interested. # Mr Gerhart of this place said he was at the White House and the President and others were playing cards when the news of Theodore's death came to him and he the President got up from the card table at once and quit playing.

I think Father and Mother stood the shock remarkably well and I hope they will continue to gain — Our little family with the exception of Lewis' whooping cough is in fine state health.

Canton is just commencing on this State fair and the parade this morning was fine all things considered and I think they will have a good fair.

The weather has been fearfully hot here for some days but a nice breeze is blowing today.

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When are you coming out met again? The people here and in Akron think we are a great family as we do not go to Akron to make any thing of a visit and none of the family ever come down here to make a visit perhaps that is so but I know for a fact that we do not begin to see enough of you and we would be delighted to have a visit some day.

Give our love to all the family.

Yours.
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